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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

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3. Red-lined copy of Substitute Specification;
4. Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in parent application on February 14, 1992;
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